

APRN Endorsement Application Checklist

For APRNs who hold a license in another state.

1. Enroll in Nursys® e-Notify as a Nurse at www.nursys.com/enotify.

- You will receive notification from Nursys after your license is issued. When enrolling yourself in e-Notify, make sure to opt in to receive electronic license renewal reminders.

2. Submit an application through the Arkansas Nurse Portal.

- Create a Nurse Portal Account, if you do not already have one. It is recommended to use a personal email address that you will check regularly.
Click apply for licensure and select APRN endorsement application in the appropriate APRN role:
 - CNP
 - CNS
 - CNM
 - CRNA
- Complete each section carefully reviewing the information to ensure accuracy.
- Carefully read and answer the Eligibility Questions. Upload any necessary documents.
- Read, sign & date, and upload the CBC Challenge & Privacy Notice. You will need to print a hardcopy of this and take with you when you have your fingerprints collected.
- Review all information entered into the application.
- Pay the application fee and submit.

3. Submit criminal background check application.

- Submit a request for criminal background check and pay the associated fee. Link to application can be found [here](#).
- Keep a copy of your receipt after payment. You will need the “INA Search ID” located on your receipt when you have your fingerprints collected for the federal background check.
- Arkansas residents** are required to have electronic fingerprints collected. There are locations across the state. A list of vendors can be found [here](#). Take a government issued ID, a copy of your receipt, and your CBC Challenges & Privacy Notice with you.
Non-Arkansas residents: After submission of criminal background application, you will need to request a fingerprint card be mailed to you through the Nurse Portal Message Center. Use the “criminal background check” category. The ASBN fingerprint card must be used to ensure correct processing and routing of results. Or you have the option to travel to Arkansas to have electronic fingerprints collected at one of the vendors linked above. Follow instructions for returning the fingerprint card lined [here](#).
- Results take 2-6 weeks and will be checked off in the application once received.

4. Request Official Transcript from graduate program.

- Official transcript from your graduate program will need to be sent to our offices.
- Transcript should be mailed to:
Arkansas State Board of Nursing, ATTN: APRN Department, 1123 S University Ave, Suite 800, Little Rock, AR 72204
- Transcripts can be sent electronically to: aprn.licensure@arkansas.gov
- Transcripts are NOT accepted if sent to ASBN.info@arkansas.gov email address.**

5. Request verification of national certification.

- Request your national certifying agency send national certification verification directly to us.
- Verifications can be mailed to:
Arkansas State Board of Nursing, ATTN: APRN Department, 1123 S University Ave, Suite 800, Little Rock, AR 72204 or emailed to: aprn.licensure@arkansas.gov
- If you requested a temporary permit, you can submit your authorization to sit for national certification exam or upload a copy of national certification. Submit through the Nurse Portal Message Center.

6. RN license verification

- You must hold an active RN license to be eligible to hold an APRN license.
- If you have an RN license in Arkansas, you can skip this step.
- If you hold RN licensure in another state, you will need to go to www.nursys.com and request Verification for Endorsement of your RN license.
- If you do not hold a multistate compact RN license or have moved to Arkansas you will need to apply for RN licensure, refer to the instructions on our website to apply for RN licensure by endorsement.

7. Temporary Permit

- You may request a temporary permit. Temporary permits can be issued after receipt of:
- State criminal background check results with no violations of 17 CAR §17-3-102
 - National certification verification
 - Verification of RN and APRN licenses
 - Temporary permits are valid for 6 months and cannot be renewed.
 - Temporary permits are not eligible for prescriptive authority.

8. If you answer yes to any of the eligibility questions...

- If you answer yes to any of the eligibility questions, you will need to submit the following documents:
- Letter of explanation
 - Certified court disposition(s)
 - Evidence court conditions have been met
 - Discipline documents

9. Issuance of APRN license!

- Once all items are received, your APRN license will be issued. You will receive notice from Nursys and the Nurse Portal.
- You can begin practicing as an APRN and have the option to apply for prescriptive authority.
- Review the ASBN *Rules* 17 CAR §123-101 et seq. for specific *Rules* related to advanced practice nursing in Arkansas.

10. Prescriptive Authority

- Prescriptive authority is not included with licensure. You will need to submit an application for prescriptive authority along with the following documents:
- Collaborative practice agreement
 - Quality assurance plan
- Collaborative practice agreements must be with a physician licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board who has training within the scope, specialty, or expertise of the APRN. The [collaborative practice agreement form](#) on our website must be used and should not be modified.
- Quality assurance plan examples are available on our website. QA plans may be modified, but must include the following:
- Be specific to practice area
 - Be signed, dated, and reviewed by APRN and collaborating physician
 - Include written plan for corrective action
- Evidence of compliance with the QA plan should be available to the Board upon request.
- You will also need to have Protocols for Prescriptive Authority. Protocols shall include, at a minimum: indications for and classifications of medications and therapeutic devices to be prescribed and date the protocol was adopted or last reviewed. They must be reviewed annually. They are not submitted to our offices, but should be available upon request. Examples are available on our website.
- Verification of at least 500 hours of prescribing within the previous 12 months. Form can be found [here](#). Submit the completed form through the Nurse Portal Message Center.
 - If you do not have at least 500 hours of prescribing in the previous 12 months, refer to ASBN *Rules* 17 CAR §123-601 (3)(A) & (B) and contact the APRN Department for a list of approved advanced pharmacology courses.
 - Once your prescriptive authority has been approved, you will receive an approval letter that includes your Prescriptive Authority Certificate (PAC) number. You will need this number when applying for DEA registration.
 - You should not apply for DEA registration until your prescriptive authority has been approved and you have received your approval letter.
 - Certified nurse midwives are not required to have a collaborative practice agreement for prescriptive authority if only prescribing in schedules III-V. If a CNM needs schedule II prescribing, a collaborative practice agreement is required.
 - Refer to the ASBN *Rules* 17 CAR §123-604 et seq. for specific *Rules* related to prescribing.

11. Full Independent Practice

- You may be eligible to remove the collaborative practice agreement requirement for prescriptive authority if you have prescribed 6,240 hours under a collaborative practice agreement. This pertains to certified nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists only.
- Submit an application under “Other Applications” from the main dashboard of your Nurse Portal Account. Other applications can be found below the box that lists your licenses.
Submit required documents for full independent practice application:
 - Complete and notarized [hours affidavit](#) signed by a collaborating physician
 - 2 letters of recommendation
 - Curriculum vitae or resume
 - 5 hours of pharmacology CE completed within the last 2 years
- Once all documents are received, your application will be taken to the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee (FIPCC). This committee meets quarterly to review all applications for full independent practice. You will receive a notice through the Nurse Portal Message Center your application is complete and when it is expected to be reviewed by the Committee. Processing then takes 2-3 weeks after each meeting. The FIPCC may request additional information from you after review.
- APRNs with full independent practice may prescribe in Schedules II-V according to the ASBN *Rules* 17 CAR §123-604 et seq.

12. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Registration

- Once your prescriptive authority has been approved and you did request controlled substance prescribing, you will need to apply for DEA registration before prescribing controlled substances.
- Information for applying for DEA registration can be found at the link below.
[CSA Registration Online Mgmt Tools \(usdoj.gov\)](#)

13. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

- If you will be prescribing controlled substances or hold a DEA registration, you are required to register with the Arkansas PDMP.
- Information for registering with the PDMP can be found at the link below.
[PDMP - For Healthcare Providers - Arkansas Department of Health](#)
- Refer to the ASBN *Rules* 17 CAR §123-611 for specific *Rules* related to the PDMP.

14. Renewals

- You will need to renew your APRN license every 2 years. Your APRN license will expire on the last day of your birth month. If you are born in an even year, your license will expire in an even year. If you are born in an odd year, your license will expire in an odd year. Your first renewal may be shorter than normal depending on when your birthday is in relation to when your APRN license is issued.
- You must maintain an active RN license in order to hold an APRN license. If your RN license expires or is changed to single state, your APRN license will be placed on inactive status until you have a valid RN license.
- You must maintain current national certification on file with ASBN at all times or your license will expire. Make sure to submit renewed national certification to ASBN after renewing. This will renew at a different time than your license.
- If you hold prescriptive authority**, you are required to complete five (5) hours of pharmacology continuing education each renewal. This includes two mandatory ASBN courses related to Arkansas laws and *Rules*, professional boundaries, and opioid prescribing.
- These two courses are housed on CE Broker and linked on our website.
 - Advanced Practice Nursing in Arkansas
 - Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse
- Create a free CE Broker account.

- Complete the two courses prior to submitting your renewal application and upload the two remaining hours to meet the five-hour requirement into CE Broker.
[Mandatory ASBN Courses](#)
- Renewal applications open 60 days prior to expiration.

- If you hold both RN and APRN licenses in Arkansas, you will need to submit your RN renewal first before you can submit your APRN renewal.
- If you hold prescriptive authority, make sure your employer information is updated in your renewal application. You will be contacted if any additional information is needed to process your renewal.
- Do not wait until the last day of the month to submit your APRN renewal. APRN renewals with prescriptive authority are manually processed and must be reviewed by ASBN staff.**

15. Questions?

- Send a message through the Nurse Portal Message Center to any of the APRN categories for the fastest response.

- Questions about APRN applications:
Licensing Coordinator:
Ellen Harwell- 501-686-2706
- Questions about practice or answer yes to any eligibility questions on your application:
Assistant Director for Advanced Practice: Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN- 501-686-2725

